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Personnel - General

Military Support of Funerals

**Summary.** This is a new regulation on military support of funerals for active military service members, Medal of Honor recipients, retired military, and honorably discharged members.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all units assigned or attached to the United States Army Alaska (USARAK).

**Impact on the New Manning System.** This regulation does not contain information that affects the New Manning System.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the USARAK Adjutant General, Mortuary Affairs, Attention: APVR-RAG-PA-CMA.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by the USARAK Signal Officer. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration date unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the USARAK Adjutant General, Plans and Actions Branch, Mortuary Affairs. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to APVR-RAG-PA-CMA.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **General Information**

#### **1-1. Purpose**

The purpose of this regulation is to prescribe responsibilities and procedures for the implementation of honors and services for deceased personnel and wearing of the Army uniform by funeral details in Alaska.

#### **1-2. References**

a. Required publications.

(1) Army Regulation (AR) 600-25 (Salutes, Honors and Visits of Courtesy). Cited in paragraph 1-4.

(2) Field Manual (FM) 22-5 (Drill and Ceremonies). Cited in paragraph 2-3c(3).

b. Related publications. A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this regulation.

(1) AR 600-8-1 (Army Casualty and Memorial Affairs and Line of Duty Investigations).

(2) USARAK Regulation 670-1 (Wearing of the Army Uniform for Arctic Soldiers).

c. Referenced form. DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) is a referenced form.

#### **1-3. Abbreviations**

a. AR..... Army Regulation

b. DA..... Department of the Army

c. FM..... Field Manual

d. NOK..... next of kin

#### **1-4. General policy**

It is the policy of this headquarters to provide funeral support under the provisions of AR 600-25.



## **Chapter 2**

### **Military Support of Funerals**

#### **2-1. Burial honors**

The following will be provided as minimum funeral support when requested by the next of kin (NOK), as resources permit and sufficient notification is received to properly plan, prepare, and transport the funeral detail to the interment site.

a. For a military member who dies while on active duty, a member of the National Guard or Reserves while on active duty status or a recipient of the Medal of Honor, there shall be—

(1) Pallbearers, consisting of one noncommissioned officer (sergeant or above) and six soldiers.

(2) A firing squad, consisting of one noncommissioned officer (sergeant or above) and five additional soldiers.

(3) A bugler.

(4) A chaplain.

b. For a retired service member drawing retired pay, there shall be—

(1) The same support as prescribed for active duty personnel, if available.

(2) If the support described paragraph a above is not available, a uniformed service member will represent the Army at the funeral and present the flag to the designated recipient.

c. For veterans who were honorably discharged, a uniformed service member will represent the Army at the funeral and present the flag to the designated recipient.

#### **2-2. Uniform**

a. For funeral services, the minimum uniform will be class A with all authorized awards and decorations, garrison cap or beret (when authorized), white or black dress gloves, low quarter shoes or highly shined boots (no jungle or mountain boots), black all-weather coat for inclement weather and a stripped pistol belt for the firing party. White dress gloves may be obtained by hand receipt from the Central Issue Facility or the military police.

b. If a unit commander deems that weather conditions could result in cold weather injuries, he/she may authorize small unobtrusive ear muffs or the optional cold weather cap for wear.

#### **2-3. Responsibilities**

a. The USARAK Adjutant General will—

(1) Be the overall coordinator for funeral support operations.

(2) Determine if burial detail support is available for each funeral request.

(3) Coordinate funeral services with funeral director or NOK.

(4) Forward funeral requests to Director of Plans, Training, Security, and Mobilization for funeral support tasking of the red cycle unit.

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b. The Director of Plans, Training, Security, and Mobilization will—

(1) Task the appropriate USARAK brigade or battalion for funeral support.

(2) Ensure that a bugler is present to play taps.

(3) Task the Director of Logistics to provide sufficient ear muffs and optional cold weather cap to support USARAK funeral details.

c. The unit commander will—

(1) Provide funeral support as prescribed in this regulation.

(2) Ensure the presence of funeral detail to render appropriate honors to the deceased.

(3) Train selected personnel on funeral procedures per FM 22-5.

(4) Arrange transportation to the interment site.

(5) Ensure detailed personnel are in proper uniform and dressed to prevent heat/cold weather injuries.

d. The Installation Chaplain will provide a chaplain of the appropriate faith when requested by the NOK.

e. The Director of Logistics will—

(1) Purchase enough unobtrusive ear muffs and optional cold weather caps to support funeral details at Fort Richardson, Fort Wainwright, and Fort Greely. Only ear muffs or optional cold weather caps that compliment the class A uniform should be purchased.

(2) Ensure that the Central Issue Facility issues funeral detail personnel appropriate ear muffs or the optional cold weather cap before conducting burial services. Equipment will then be returned to Central Issue Facility after unit's red cycle duties ends.

## **2-4. Support for other services**

Burial honors will be provided to members of the Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy who meet the criteria outlined in paragraph 2-1. This support will be provided under the stipulation that burial honors cannot interfere with mission essential scheduled training. Any request for support that interferes with mission essential training will be forwarded to the Alaskan Command, J1 for resolution.

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